

"Ike" Williams. This man of great stature and bearing was the epitome of a gentleman and a scholar. We were moved by his passion, emboldened by his commitments, honored by his friendship and made all the better by his innate wisdom and his belief in the integrity of the human experience. His was a purposeful life and one that helped shape the destinies of historical figures with whom he conversed, and equally so that of the common man and woman, in whom he placed unwavering faith. We came to know him as a dedicated servant to his people and just causes, a scholar and historian without comparison. We were assured for we came to know the absoluteness of his word, the sanctity of his promise, the depth of his intellect, the breadth of his worldly experiences, his place in history, and of his true love for his wife, his family and his friends.

We come now to remember the man, the Korean War Veteran, the lawyer, the educator, the editor and publisher and most preciousely we come to remember our friend. We are poised to remember him as repository of our histories—spoken, written and shared. His was the force of change through direct action, intervention, education and by challenging the very fabric of society. By his very being we were blessed; and in this moment in our collective memories, we pray for the family and find solace in the knowledge that "Ike" has found that eternal peace in the embrace of his Heavenly Father.

INTRODUCTION OF THE ENHANCED ACT

HON. PATRICK J. KENNEDY

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 3, 2009

Mr. KENNEDY. Madam Speaker, depression and bipolar disorders affect one in five people and are the leading cause of disability among individuals between the ages of 15 and 44 in the United States. The economic burden of depression is estimated at \$83.1 billion each year. With medication, psychotherapy, or combined treatment, most people with mood disorders can be effectively treated and resume productive lives. Yet, one-third of those suffering from depression—nearly five million Americans—do not receive the necessary treatment.

For these reasons, I am proud to introduce the Establishing a Network of Health-Advancing National Centers of Excellence for Depression Act of 2009 (the ENHANCED Act) with my colleague, Representative TIM MURPHY (R-PA). This legislation would establish national centers of excellence for the treatment of depressive and bipolar disorders. Currently, clinicians lack universally accepted multi-disciplinary approaches and real-time clinical and care management guidelines they need. As a result, about 50 percent of the time the diagnoses of depression and bipolar are missed. Better diagnostic approaches are needed in primary care, other medical settings, and mental health programs.

To combat this, the ENHANCED Act would create a national network with a pathway for developing and expanding up to 30 depression centers of excellence to increase access to the most appropriate and evidence-based

depression care. This concept is based on work done informally by 16 academic research institutions across the Nation that have joined together to create a network of depression centers that take academic research and translate it into practice, standardize diagnoses, treat early and more effectively, and prevent recurrences of depression and bipolar disorders, as well as eradicate the stigma associated with these diseases. These centers will develop and disseminate evidence-based treatment standards, clinical guidelines, and protocols to improve accurate and timely diagnosis of depression and bipolar disorders.

I look forward to working with my colleagues to ensure the passage of this critical legislation.

CELEBRATING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF JERRY EDISON HOCKADAY

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 3, 2009

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Deputy Fire Chief Jerry Edison Hockaday on the eve of his retirement after 50 years with the Angier and Black River Fire Department in Angier, North Carolina.

Mr. Hockaday was born on May 28, 1941 and joined the Angier and Black River Fire Department on January 1, 1960 when he was just 20 years old. He quickly rose through the ranks and has been the Deputy Fire Chief for the last ten years. In his 50 years with the Angier and Black Fire Department, he has responded to fires, auto accidents, hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, electrical storms and other various rescue situations. He has shared his knowledge with young firefighters, many of whom have continued on to become officers with the department or other professionals with the fire service. Jerry is a tireless servant of the community and the Angier and Black River Fire District has been fortunate to have him.

I know how important it is to have firefighters ready for action with the training and resources they need. The Angier and Black River Fire Department is part of a vast network of fire officers and other public safety personnel who devote their lives to protecting their communities and responding to crisis situations. When a person dials 9-1-1 in an emergency, the phone doesn't ring in Washington, D.C., it rings right here in our community. I served on the House Committee on Homeland Security from its inception until this past year, and one of my highest priorities on the committee was to make sure the Department of Homeland Security works as closely as possible with local emergency management officials and first responders. The responsibility of the Federal government must be to protect the American people, and a large part of that is supporting local fire departments in their work.

The job of a fireman is not easy, and Jerry risked his life everyday for his neighbors and his community. He is a true American hero. I am proud to have Jerry in my community, and I ask my colleagues to join in congratulating his bravery and half a decade of diligent service.

HONORING ARTHUR GOLDEN

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 3, 2009

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding achievements of Arthur Golden of Longboat Key, Florida, whose family members are my constituents. Mr. Golden was born in October 1923, and is the second child of Russian Jewish immigrants. His parents taught him to value freedom and emphasized the important role each individual has in ensuring freedom and equality for all.

After graduating from City College of New York, Mr. Golden married and enlisted in the Army. During World War II, he fought on the front lines in France and stood stoically in the streets of Marseilles as the American soldiers were honored on VE Day. When he returned from war, Mr. Golden entered the workforce as an accountant to take care of his extended family and shortly thereafter began his lifelong career and dedication to civil liberties. He volunteered his time with the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Mr. Golden and his wife were actively involved in the fight for equal opportunity housing projects and exposing landlords who refused to rent to African Americans and minorities. They were honored to have Dr. King visit their home and become friends with the family. When Dr. King was murdered, Mr. Golden immediately flew to Atlanta to be with Mrs. King and to assist with her financial matters.

After Mr. Golden retired, he and his wife moved to Florida and continued their commitment to the civil rights struggle, discovering injustices in the Jamie Poe Housing Project in Sarasota. They formed a committee and fought for the residents to keep their homes.

Mr. Golden's children are extremely proud of him and remember being taken to countless civil rights meetings, demonstrations, marches, protests, and community events. His family was touched when upon Barack Obama's election, tears flowed from a man who rarely shows emotion.

Mr. Golden, an eighty-six-year-old World War II veteran and lifelong civil rights fighter, has been an inspiration to his family, his community, and his Nation. His lifelong dedication to standing up for others in need and fighting for civil liberties is a legacy that is being carried on today by his children, grandchildren, and countless others influenced by his example.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize the lifetime achievements of Arthur Golden and the contributions he has made to our Nation and our community.

HONORING JACK WILLIAM WAGNER

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 3, 2009

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise today to pay tribute to the late Jack William Wagner. Jack passed

away on November 30th at the age of 85. His funeral is tomorrow in Mt. Morris, Michigan.

Jack Wagner was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving in World War II aboard the destroyer USS *Sampson*. When the war ended he returned to the Flint area and began working for General Motors. He was active in the United Auto Workers throughout his career. Elected by his peers, Jack served as President of Buick Local 599 before becoming the International Representative for UAW Region 1-C, and Assistant Regional Director of Region 1-C. He was the National Chairman of the 30 and Out Committee that became part of the 1970 National Agreement and continued to serve as Honorary Chairman of the 30 and Out Committee.

Mourning his passing are his two sons, Bryan and Jack, his step daughter, Susan Norling, his sisters, Miriam Routely and Verda Mello, several grandchildren and great grandchildren, friends including Don Spillman, and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy, his son, Gary, and his sister, Mildred Burgoyne.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in remembering the life and work of Jack William Wagner. He was a committed, passionate advocate for working men and women; a devoted family man and a good friend. I will miss his wisdom, his insight, and his enthusiasm. My condolences go out to his family and friends at this sad time.

STATEMENT OF THE CO-CHAIRS OF THE CONGRESSIONAL CAUCUS ON U.S.-TURKISH RELATIONS AND TURKISH AMERICANS

HON. ROBERT WEXLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 3, 2009

Mr. WEXLER. Madam Speaker, Ms. GRANGER, Mr. WHITFIELD and myself, as Co-Chairs of the Congressional Caucus on U.S.-Turkish Relations and Turkish Americans, Turkey Caucus, want to welcome Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdoğan to the United States. We believe the Prime Minister's visit reaffirms the longstanding strategic partnership between the United States and Turkey, and is a unique opportunity to enhance and foster economic, political, and security relations.

As many of our Congressional colleagues know, our NATO ally Turkey valiantly stood shoulder-to-shoulder with the United States and European partners throughout the Cold War. Over the past 20 years, Turkey has been integral to American and NATO efforts in the Balkans and has worked to enhance peace and stability in Central Asia and the Middle East. Turkey has also played a critical leadership role along with America and the international community in both Afghanistan and Iraq. We are hopeful that Turkey will continue to play a leading role alongside the United States, P5+1 partners and the international community with respect to Iran's nuclear program.

We also want to highlight and praise the historic steps recently taken by Prime Minister Erdoğan and his government to normalize Turkey's relations with its neighbor Armenia. With the support of the United States, both countries on October 10, 2009 signed two proto-

cols to achieve this goal. We believe that, with the continuing support of the United States and the international community, these protocols will provide a new impetus for the solution of other conflicts in the South Caucasus region.

Many of our colleagues appreciate the growing importance of our strategic relationship with Turkey which was described by President Obama during his visit to Turkey in April as a "Model Partnership." We are heartened by the fact that the Turkey Caucus, which began over 8 years ago, now numbers one hundred members.

The growth of the Turkey Caucus is a testament to the importance that members of Congress place on U.S.-Turkish relations and a recognition of the longstanding partnership between our two nations. Again, we welcome Prime Minister Erdoğan to Washington, and believe that his discussions with President Obama and the Administration will only serve to strengthen the U.S.-Turkish partnership as we face difficult global challenges.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 3, 2009

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, this morning our national debt was \$12,090,825,003,370.26. We have increased the national debt \$1,598,537,727.69 since just yesterday.

On January 6, 2009, the start of the 111th Congress, the national debt was \$10,638,425,746,293.80.

This means the national debt has increased by \$1,452,399,257,076.46 so far this year.

According to the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office, the forecast deficit for this year is \$1.6 trillion. That means that so far this year, we borrowed and spent \$4.4 billion a day more than we have collected, passing that debt and its interest payments to our children and all future Americans.

TRIBUTE TO DR. IRENE KHAN

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 3, 2009

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, the Obama Administration, in forging a new foreign policy that is more humane and less antagonistic towards other nations, would do well to follow the lead of the late Tom Lantos, who dedicated his life to the cause of human rights, an issue that has now become his legacy. Indeed, it is rare for the House to name an entity after one of its own, but the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission, chaired by our colleague Jim MCGOVERN, can rightly claim that distinction.

Throughout his public career, Tom Lantos and his wife, Annette, maintained a deep and enduring commitment to human rights. Among the members of this chamber, Tom Lantos was widely respected across the political spectrum for his knowledge of foreign policy

and commitment to human rights. The issue was the very core of his beliefs and his eloquent voice became this chamber's conscience on many international issues.

Few in today's world can match Tom Lantos' commitment and achievements in the cause of human rights, but if there were such a person, it would be Dr. Irene Khan, who in 2001 became the first woman, the first Asian, the first Bangladeshi and the first Muslim to hold the position of Secretary General of Amnesty International.

Dr. Khan's caring about human rights victims and the poor dates back to her native Bangladesh's early struggle for independence, as she witnessed widespread poverty and multiple threats to human dignity. It has been a combination of her personal outreach to human rights victims and case studies from around the world, combined with her professional involvement in U.N. Organizations, that led to her being selected to head Amnesty International.

In her recently published book, *The Unheard Truth*, Dr. Khan describes the divergent tracks of a fellow Bangladeshi who was born in the same household and she grew up with, and while Khan went on to be a successful lawyer, her friend, Fajal, suffered a lifetime of violence and unemployment, and is now disabled, living in a shack in one of Dhaka's sprawling slums, surviving on handouts.

For Dr. Khan, this is a grim reminder of how people remain hopelessly trapped in poverty, often due to circumstances beyond economic conditions but rather the result of political repression, famine, war, or simply the insecurity and fear inherent in their local surroundings.

In her book, Dr. Khan reveals a more acute understanding of the forces that bring about human rights abuses. Poverty, she argues, is more than the lack of material resources, it is all about fighting deprivation, exclusion, insecurity and powerlessness.

As the numbers of people living in poverty swell to upwards of 2 billion, she argues that poverty is the world's worst human rights crisis. By raising the issue of rights, Dr. Zhan is not pointing fingers but providing a formula for sustainable and equitable solutions, and giving people the means to change the power imbalance that keeps them in poverty.

To achieve Tom Lantos' vision of the banner of human rights waving "over every corner of the world," I recommend that international leaders adhere to Dr. Khan's compelling message on the need to empower the world's poor with the basic economic, social, political, and legal rights to assure them a strong voice in shaping their own future.

RECOGNIZING THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP OF RICHMOND, VIRGINIA'S COLLEGIATE HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM

HON. ERIC CANTOR

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 3, 2009

Mr. CANTOR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my Alma Mater, the Collegiate High School Football team on winning the 2009 Virginia Independent Schools Division I State championship. Led by Coach Mark Palyo, the Cougars compiled an impressive